

"THE NARROW SPHERE!" MRS MARSHALL'S PAPER

An Essay Read Before the Quarterly Meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association—*True* *Destiny of a Nation is in the Hands of the Women of the Land.*

Mrs. E. E. Marshall, at the quarterly meeting on the 19th, Women's Christian Association, read a very excellent paper on the subject, "The Narrow Sphere." While the Bulletin has obtained for reproduction.

Did you ever read or hear the definition of a baby? Some years ago a magazine had a writer who gave a definition, and the one which won the prize was as follows: "A baby is a feather plucked from the wing of love and thrown into the aered lap of the world."

Babyhood! This is the extremely narrow sphere in which every we mere man, woman, and extraordianary, he has little. Theirs is a life which is only widen by childhood, school, gathering, and marriage.

Standing with reluctant feet,

"Where the brook and river meet,"

seeing strange visions and dreams

of love, and the world's pictures

for the future. And on

glad day, amid orange blossoms and

loving friends, the dream becomes a

reality, and the sphere is transformed

into a narrow one. She feels that

this is her world; this her God-ordained sphere.

Home is a narrow sphere! My sis-

ters, are you a wife? Then if you have

a husband, you have a wider sphere.

You may not have one franchise just

now, but you may possibly be able

to get one. Many public men like Gladstone and Disraeli and scores of others

have had their wives and their chil-

drands, and their quiet, home influ-

ence, tell in the world's history.

Women are the heart of the home,

the mother of the family, the wife,

the mother of the world.

Home is the kingdom, little children

are the subjects, love is the crown,

the crown, the crown, the crown.

Here our future governors, judges,

statesmen, teachers, preachers,

mothers, mothers are trained,

Oh, how great the responsibilities of motherhood!

Oh, how great the responsibilities of the hearts of our young women the duty

of a right understanding of their

responsibilities, and the need of

France is the need of the world.

Almost every woman of great

good men and women traces a consider-able portion of their greatness and goodness to the influence of their mothers.

The mother of Napoleon Bonaparte was not for beauty, goodness and energy,

Lord Balfour, the mother of Washington

was pious, pure and true. Had

France a "Woman" as its mother from

"Saint Courageous" her name might not today be endangered

deep and dark.

He who is a worthy mother and a

worthy home-maker is not an easy

task, and the training of girls little

upon the relationship of mother and

or no thought of what a woman is

to have an idea that she is

one of the best and best love,

etc., etc., etc., and when they find that

there is some work to be done

they do it, and as though their

early dream had vanished into thin

vapor, the belief that there is no

home with disappointed inmates,

could be avoided were our young

men and women given more

time along these lines.

Did you ever

read what is comprised in an ideal

home? Dr. George Cross, in his

ideal world of the 32d of Proverbs

says, "All the avocations of life were

crowded into a factory and a chand-

cery; it was a crammer, and an art

studio and a shop, and a

dynastic establishment, and a bakery

and a children's aid society. And

the woman of business, the

mother of the home, the wife,

the mother of the world, was

crowded into the home in those olden

days.

Of course, in these days invention

have lightened many a burden for our

women, and given us a little

more time for the home.

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have a right to a little rest and love,

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